## **EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE**

## Patent Abstracts of Japan

**PUBLICATION NUMBER** 

2001027570

**PUBLICATION DATE** 

30-01-01

APPLICATION DATE

13-07-99

APPLICATION NUMBER

11198645

APPLICANT: WAKOO:KK;

INVENTOR:

OKADA KAZUHIRO;

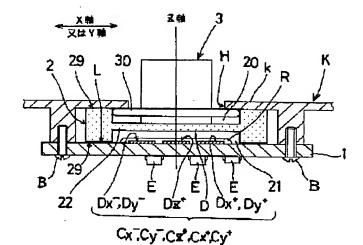
INT.CL.

G01L 1/14 G01L 5/16

TITLE

**ELECTROSTATIC CAPACITY TYPE** 

**FORCE SENSOR** 



## ABSTRACT :

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain an electrostatic force sensor which reduces troublesome assembling operation, is easily made waterproof and dust-proof without increasing the number of components and has high sensitivity as a sensor.

SOLUTION: The sensor is equipped with a substrate 1 where fixed electrode groups Dx+ and Dx-, and Dy+ and Dy-, and Dz+ are formed, a movable electrode plate 2 which is formed of elastomer on the whole and also formed of conductive elastomer at least opposite the fixed electrode groups, and a hard operation part 3 which is formed in the same or a different body with or from the movable electrode plate 2 and can transmit a force to the movable electrode plate 2; and variable electrostatic capacity parts Cx+ and Cx-, Cy+ and Cy-, and Cz+ are formed of the fixed electrode groups and movable electrode plate 2.

COPYRIGHT: (C)2001, JPO

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**